



Minutes of the Three Lakes Community Planning Committee (Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at the Three Lakes Town Hall, Three Lakes, Wisconsin)

Attendance: Members present Bob Curran, Bill Hayes, Diane Jarek, Ken Klein, Mike Kwaterski, John Olkowski, Norris Ross, Jerry Schiedt, Don Sidlowski, Pat Volk, Roland Zimmermann. Members absent Randy Bacon, Paul Berg, Jim Leatzow, Terry McCloskey, Mike Miller, Bruce Renquist

Guests: All committee meetings are open to the public and some citizens were in attendance as well as Town Chairman Stebbeds, Town Supervisors Schwartz and Cottingham, and Town Administrator Hallman.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Town Chairman Junior Stebbeds.

Remarks: Chairman Stebbeds offered opening advisory and general guideline remarks to the committee. He referred to the Community Survey as a resource and starting point for what the community might want. Jerry Scheidt asked for some direction from the Town's perspective on what is needed in a long range plan. Chairman Stebbeds stated that the Committee should decide what direction they want to head with planning. He did offer that what he'd like to see are more decent wage job opportunities to keep our young people in Three Lakes. Chairman Stebbeds then asked the other Supervisors present for their thoughts. Supervisor Cottingham emphasized the need for high tech. He also noted the town survey respondents were mostly non-permanent residents and/or retirees and so the committee should not be unduly swayed by this feedback alone. Supervisor Schwartz spoke of the need for a blend of things to suit a variety of people. Administrator Hallman reminded the committee that the Town needs to develop a 9-point plan by 2010 in order to comply with State Requirements. It's pretty clear all 9 points must be included and addressed.

Appointment of Temporary Organizational Chair: Chairman Stebbeds appointed Don Sidlowski as the Temporary Organizational Chairman of the committee. Following the appointment, Chairman Stebbeds turned the meeting over to the committee.

Approval of Organizational Meeting Agenda: Temporary Chair Don Sidlowski asked the committee to approve the agenda for the first meeting. Motion: Kwaterski. Second: Olkowski. Approved.

Suspension of Rules: Don noted that, in general, future meetings should be governed by Roberts Rules of Order but asked that the members suspend the rules for this first meeting so a more discussion-like format could prevail. Approved.

Self-Introductions by Committee Members: Starting with himself, Don asked each of the members to introduce themselves and tell the other members about their backgrounds and areas of interest in serving on the committee. Norris Ross: Need to understand what we have already and then decide what we want long term. Pat Volk: We have 40 lakes total, including 19 that are in the Chain. Our key industry and most prized possession is that chain of lakes. 25 years ago, the Town developed a plan based on community input. The result was to zone all lake property as residential in the attempt to preserve the pristine nature of the lakes and then concentrate all industry in the industrial park. Elmer

Goetsch was instrumental in wading through the bureaucracy to get the industrial park built and it took a long time and a great deal of focus. Any plan that we come up with will depend on having people like this that will follow through on implementation. The recent completion of the Three Eagle Trail is another good example. Ken Klein: The bike trail is good example of the kind of community resource that the Town needs to attract employers and employees to the community. Another would be a pool at the school that is available for community use. The clinic closing and re-opening under new management last year is yet another example of what the community can accomplish when it's mind is set to a common goal and purpose. There was a general discussion about how big the committee should be. Don: if you were a member of the Three Lakes Lions you would know there is no such thing as having too many people. To populate the sub-committee chairs alone will require nine to a dozen dedicated leaders. Then each committee will need 2-3 members. Norris: We need a more representative group of members, including more women and younger people. This is mandatory to get better balance in establishing the town vision for the future. Ken: Too many people on committee could make it difficult to get things done. A smaller central core group should direct the activities of the sub-committees. Mike Kwaterski: The School Long Range Planning utilized four committees all reporting back to central group - in that case the School Board. This could be a good model for this committee. John Olkowski: It is better to have a lot of people involved to establish consensus. Bill Hayes: Do we really need to address all nine areas mandated by the state? Can we get away with less if some don't seem to apply to us? Can we add others that do? Ken: The plan from the state is ok, but we need to be able to think out of the box. It could mean develop our own template down the road. Norris: Do we have maps? These will be critical to part of this process. Pat: The Town of Three Lakes has excellent maps with data that would be very helpful in the evaluation and planning process.

Distribution and Preliminary Discussion of Draft By-Laws: Don noted that at the Town meeting at which the committee was appointed, the Town Board urged the adoption of By-Laws as being one of the first accomplishments of the committee. He said he had gone online and discovered that the City of Portage, WI was already two years into their planning process and, as required by the terms of their state grant, that they had published their by-laws online. They were succinct – only two pages long – but seemed to cover all the important aspects. Thinking they could serve as a template and starting point for by-laws of our own, Don passed out copies of the Portage by-laws. He asked all members to review the document prior to the next meeting, even edit and modify, and be prepared to discuss further at that the next meeting.

Call for Volunteers for Nominations for Elected Positions: Don reminded everyone that volunteers would be needed to place their name in nomination for one of the elected offices of the committee. He suggested that one of the immediate goals of the committee should be to elect permanent officers at the third organizational meeting, at which time the post of Temporary Chair would be dissolved. Depending on what the committee ultimately decided should be included in the by-laws, the likely elected officers at a minimum would be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Set Date and Time for Next Meetings: After taking a poll of the members, Mondays looked to be the preferred date for most. Wednesday and Friday were ruled out. Tuesdays may also work. Whatever date/day/schedule is adopted the consensus seemed to be that 6:00 or 6:30 at Town Office or Community Building would be the best time and place. Don said he would contact those members not present, come up with the best date, and contact everyone.

Adjournment: There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.